

Dear Communities of Interest network,

Welcome to this week's email which includes updates and resources for you to use in your network and share with the other organisations you work with.

We would like to stress the need for extra caution due to higher infection of new covid strain message – please [see here](#) for more details

[This page](#) provides the latest advice and guidance from the Leeds Public Health team, and signposts you to the relevant local services and resources.

Please forward this email to anyone who you think would benefit from these updates. Anyone who doesn't currently receive these emails, but would like to in future weeks, can subscribe by emailing communities@forumcentral.org.uk. Thank you as always for your support with sharing these important messages.

Communities of Interest Zoom Session - 28th January 2021

Thanks to everyone who joined last week for such a rich and valuable session. Notes are available [here](#) and the [flashcard](#) along with [the slides](#) from the presentation

Vaccination update:

The [comprehensive public-facing web resource for the city](#) is the one stop place for information, including FAQs, info for and by community members as well as faith leaders and staff and much more. This includes all the previous advice and key messages issued through these updates. **Please share this useful resource**. Here also are links for the [social media plan for vaccine confidence \(generic\)](#) and the [social media plan for BAME / communities of interest](#) for you to draw on.

As you may know, Elland road is open for frontline [health and social care staff only](#), which now includes a walk-in service on Sunday. The [Managers Guide](#) and [Staff Guide](#) details the current eligibility criteria for health & social care staff if you have local contacts who meet the criteria in the guides.

Clear messaging around the priority list and who are able to book their appointments can be found [here](#)

'Jab done' for Leeds dad

Our very own Errol Murray, works as a Partners Peer Supporter in the Perinatal Mental Health Service at Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. He is also the founder of Leeds Dads, a charity that brings fathers together for social interaction and support. Read about his vaccination experience [here](#)

Both vaccines do not contain any animal product or egg. We also want to alert you to information and statements from both the Vegetarian Society and the Vegan Society.

- [Vegetarian Society](#) – what you need to know about the COVID-19 vaccine
- [Vegan Society](#) – response to COVID-19 vaccine

Advice for people who follow the Muslim faith

Both vaccines do not contain any animal product or egg. Please see below further information and advice from local Imams, mosques and national bodies.

- Qari Asim, Imam of Makkah Mosque has [written this blog](#), as well recording two videos – [one in English](#) and [one in Urdu](#)

- Leeds Grand Mosque has issued a [religious ruling \(fatwa\)](#) to confirm that the vaccine is permissible within the Islamic faith
- Mosques and Imams National Advisory Board (MINAB) [Friday sermon \(khutbah\) text for mosques](#)
- Information produced by the [British Islamic Medical Association \(BIMA\)](#) – this includes BIMA position statement on the Pfizer BioNTech and Oxford AstraZeneca vaccines, myths and webinars which BIMA have taken part in about the COVID-19 vaccine

Advice for people who follow the Hindu faith

Both vaccines do not contain any animal product or egg. [Neasden Temple has produced a video in Gujarati](#) to explain the facts about coronavirus, providing reassurance on the safety and efficacy of the vaccine.

For followers of the Jewish faith

The Conference of European Rabbis have released [position statements on the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine](#).

Advice for all faiths

- Famous faces from across Britain's ethnic minority communities; Romesh Ranganathan, Adil Ray, Moeen Ali, Meera Syal and many more have fronted a [new video campaign to encourage take-up of the coronavirus vaccine](#)

NHS Leeds are looking for qualified registered health workers to be part of the COVID-19 vaccination programme in Leeds.

The NHS in Leeds is recruiting band 5 healthcare practitioners (£25-30k) and band 6 clinical supervisors (£31-38k) to work at our massive new vaccination hub at Elland Road, the home of Leeds United Football Club. To be eligible you could be a qualified nurse, pharmacist, allied health professional or other registered practitioner working in the NHS or independent sectors. Please [click here](#) for more details.

Community Champion Roles

Leeds CCG is also working with Leeds City Council alongside the 3rd sector colleagues to develop a wider local Community Champions programme, which builds on existing networks and community-led initiatives with aims and objectives which also address issues beyond the immediate vaccine roll-out

For more information on how to register and get involved please [click here](#)

Many thanks

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